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The office action mailed December 27, 1998 is hereby vacated, so that application 08/278, 601 may proceed to interference. Applicant need not respond to the issues in that action.

Claims 1-9, 12-22, 25-27, 29, 31-45, 47 and 48 are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED. The outcome of interference has a material bearing on the patentability of the claims in this application. Prosecution in this application is SUSPENDED pending a final judgment in the interference.

Applicant should call this case up for action upon termination of the interference.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mary E. Mosher, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (703) 308-2926. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday -Thursday and alternate Fridays from 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Eisenschenk, can be reached on (703) 308-0452. The fax phone number for this Group is now (703) 308-4242.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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